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TO: Chief, FBIS
FROM: Chief, Saigon Bureau
SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - May 1964

I. GENERAL

Developments in Laos and Cambodia's complaint to the Security Council took the spotlight from the South Vietnam situation per se during the month. Neither the war in the countryside nor the security picture in Saigon changed to any marked degree. A newly arrived American M.P. company is a welcome addition to the forces on hand. The black -- nearly gray -- market rate remained at 115-125 piasters to the dollar, against the legal rate of 72.77 piasters per dollar.

Propaganda and diplomatic pressures for a Geneva conference or conferences on the problems of the area were building up rapidly at the close of the month. Prince Sihanouk, fortunately, departed for Paris on 1 June, providing all those involved in the translation and editing of his speeches with a partial breather before any conference, with its concomitant propaganda, can begin.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial

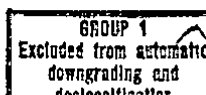
A total of 154.5 hours of voice broadcasts weekly were being covered at the end of the month.

B. Lateral Services

Reorganization of the U.S. military structure here, with MAAG ceasing to exist as a separate entity and the attaches' offices closing down, is resulting in a broad revision of the Bureau's list of lateral

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services. A revised listing will be forwarded as soon as the dust settles.

Jeremy Tryon, radio officer with USIS Bangkok now on TDY in Saigon, visited the Bureau at the end of the month. He is involved in the setting up of VOA's new 50-kilowatt transmitter near Hue. Although the transmitter is to serve only as a relay station, some programs at least for the expanded broadcasting in Vietnamese will be prepared here, and resultant requests for Bureau services are likely to increase. We promised to assist in every way possible.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

Vietnamese monitor [redacted] passed both the French and English sections of the stiff examinations required for the licentiate (roughly, master's) degree at Saigon University. He was the only student to fulfill both language requirements -- something rarely accomplished during a single testing period. To earn the licentiate, he must complete another year of course work.

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Attachments:

1. Classified Personnel Report
2. Foreign Personnel Report
3. Broadcast Coverage Report

SAIGON BUREAU BROADCAST COVERAGE SCHEDULE FOR 1 JUNE 1964

Australia

English	Melbourne	is	0400-0410	daily	not Th	good	2
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Cambodia

French	Phnom Penh	is	0515-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
"	"	is	2315-2330	"	"	fair	1
English	"	is	0530-0600	"	"	poor	1
Cambodian	"	ds	0700-0715	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	2300-2315	"	"	poor	1

China (Communist)

Lao	Peking	is	0000-0030	daily	daily	good	1
"	"	is	1100-1130	"	"	good	4
"	"	is	1300-1400	"	"	good	1
Cambodian	"	is	1200-1300	"	"	good	1
Thai	"	is	1130-1200	"	"	good	1
"	"	is	2330-0000	"	"	good	1
Malay	"	is	1000-1030	"	"	good	1
Vietnamese	"	is	1330-1430	"	"	good	1

Clandestine Stations

Radio Pathet Lao

Lao		0030-0100	daily	daily	fair	2
"		0415-0445	"	"	fair	1
French		0100-0115	"	"	fair	2

Radio of the Laotian Kingdom

Lao		0500-0600	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao/French		2315-0015	"	"	fair	1

Liberation Broadcasting Station

Vietnamese		0500-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
" (D)		0530-0600	"	"	fair	3
"		1130-1200	"	"	poor	2

Voice of the Movement for Neutral and Nationalist South Vietnam, Vietnamese/Cambodian/

French 0000-0100 when b'cst-checked daily poor 1

Voice of the Movement for Independent Neutral and Nationalist Thailand, Thai

0100-0130 when b'cst-checked not Su fair 2

Voice of Khmer Serei

Cambodian/French 2300-0000 when b'cst-checked daily poor 2

Laos

Lao/French	Vientiane	ds	0630-0700	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao	"	ds	2330-0100	"	"	fair	1

Malaysia

English	Kuala Lumpur	is	0000-0015	daily	not Su	fair	2
"	Kuching	ds	1100-1115	"	" ThF	poor	2
Indonesian	Kuala Lumpur	is	0800-0810	"	" Th	good	2
Malay	"	ds	0600-0615	"	" Th	fair	2
"	Jesselton	ds	1130-1145	not Su	" ThF	poor	2

Vietnam (North)

Vietnamese (D)	Hanoi VNA	n-s viet.	0145-0345	daily	daily	good	2
"	"	s viet.	0400-0415	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	0430-0500	"	"	fair	1
" (D)	" VNA	n-s viet.	0830-0900	"	not SS	fair	2
"	"	ds	1100-1130	"	daily	good	1
"	"	s viet.	1200-1230	"	not Su	good	2
"	"	s viet.	1400-1430	not Sa	" SS	fair	2
Rhade, Jarai	"	n-s viet.	0345-0415	TTh	TTh	fair	2
"	"	n-s viet.	1300-1330	MF	MF	fair	2

Vietnam (South)

VIETNAM PRESS AGENCY twice daily (Sunday, one) bulletins covered by scrutiny							
English	Saigon	is	2330-2345	daily	daily	good	2
Vietnamese	"	ds	0500-0515	"	"	good	1
"	"	ds	0900-0905	"	"	good	1
"	"	ds	2300-2305	"	"	good	1